

fact that these taxes are already due. They are not collected because it is too difficult.

The National Governors Association, the National Retail Federation, and the e-Fairness Coalition are among the groups that believe this legislation is a proper approach to level the e-commerce playing field. I urge my colleagues to join with this bi-partisan group in supporting the balanced approach of S. 2775 that accomplishes one of the main goals of the Internet Tax Freedom Act: to find a way to simplify the existing sales and use tax structure for remote sellers while the moratorium remains in place.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING ESTONIA ON THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY DAY

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, June 23rd marks the 80th anniversary of Võidupüha, or Victory Day, recalling Estonia's break from Russian control in 1920. On this holiday, Estonians commemorate the battles during the War of Independence in which military forces fought to regain Baltic control over the region. On Victory Day Estonians also celebrate the contributions of all who have fought for the cause of independence throughout their country's history.

Many lives were lost for the cause of Estonian independence. Three battles, Roopa, Venden-Ronnenberg, and finally Vohnu were the turning points that ultimately led to the defeat of the opposing army. The Tartu Peace Treaty in 1920 marked the end of centuries of struggle and finally granted independence to Estonia.

On Victory Day, Estonians also remember those who battled against the Nazis and the Soviets. From 1944 until 1991 the Soviets again occupied Estonia, and during this time those who voiced opinions against the government were typically sentenced to 25 years in a Gulag prison, and 5 years in exile. The designation of June 23rd as Victory Day signifies that all those involved in the crusade for freedom are remembered for their efforts, and that their messages live on.

Estonia has become a strong independent country since 1991 when it again rid itself of Soviet occupation. It is a free-market economy and has established a rule of law.

This year we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the refusal by the United States to recognize Soviet domination of the Baltic states. The recognition of Estonia as free and independent is positive, but does not go far enough. What we celebrate this year is what we must help to preserve next year and the year after that. We must be sure that Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia are admit-

ted into NATO as an unequivocal statement of the West's support for Baltic freedom and independence.

Being the son of a Lithuanian immigrant myself, I take great pride in the accomplishments of the Baltic states. I support admitting the Baltic states into NATO and I hope my colleagues here in the Senate will support their entry also in the next round of NATO expansion.

That debate we will save for another day, but I am sure all of my colleagues can agree on the importance of Estonia's struggle for freedom and independence, and will join me in congratulating Estonia on the 80th anniversary of Victory Day. •

THE BOSTON CELTICS' "HEROES AMONG US" AWARD

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a special honor for me today to pay tribute to the forty-seven outstanding individuals who have received this year's "Heroes Among Us" Award from the Boston Celtics.

These honorees are men and women of all ages who have chosen different career paths. What they all have in common is the extraordinary contributions they have made to our community. They are role models for us all. They demonstrate the fundamental importance of the individual in our society, by proving that each person can truly make a difference. All of these heroes saw a need to achieve change or take other action in order to improve the lives of others.

This past season was the third season in a row that the Boston Celtics have honored one or more these heroes at home games for the special contributions they have made to our society. In those three seasons, the Celtics have honored 114 men and women with the "Heroes Among Us" Award, which is one of many programs that the Boston Celtics Charitable Foundation has initiated. The Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of the youths of New England through innovative outreach initiatives. The Boston Celtic players actively participate in these programs in many ways—from washing cars, to raising funds for books for the Boston Public Schools, to cleaning up sites for the development of homes for low and middle income families in Boston.

I commend the Celtics for their commitment to improving the quality of life for the members of our community, and I commend all of these "Heroes Among Us" for their dedication and their inspiring leadership. I ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's 47 "Heroes Among Us" may be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RECIPIENTS OF THE 1999-2000 BOSTON CELTICS' "HEROES AMONG US" AWARD

1. Charles McAfee.
2. Andre John.

3. Eric Dawson.
4. Stephen DeMasco.
5. Anthony "Rags" LaCava.
6. Scott L. Pomeroy.
7. Dr. Thomas Treadwell.
8. Robert McKean.
9. Nancy Schwoyer.
10. Dr. Louis Kunkel.
11. Robert Watson.
12. Robert Arnold.
13. Dr. Stephen Price.
14. John Kennedy.
15. Rachel Sparkowich.
16. Kathleen Brennan.
17. Jeannie Lindheim.
18. Kristen Pinn.
19. Padraic Forry.
20. Jennifer Noonan.
21. Marjorie Kittredge.
22. Kelly Dolan.
23. Lindsay Amper.
24. Michael Bonadio, Sr.
25. John Pearson.
26. Thomas Forest.
27. Patrick Walker.
28. The Families of the Fallen Worcester Firefighters.
29. Billy Ryan.
30. Robert Prince.
31. Reverend Joseph Washington.
32. Nahid Moussavi.
33. Jeraldine Martinson.
34. John Paul Sullivan.
35. Ned Rimer.
36. Eric Schwarz.
37. Ann Forts.
38. Marti Wilson-Taylor.
39. Claudio Martinez.
40. Reverend Hammond.
41. Laurie and Doug Flutie.
42. Stacey Kabat.
43. Detective Tom Chace.
44. Sister Louise Kearns.
45. Sister Jean Sullivan.
46. Ellen Olmstead.
47. Ryan Belanger. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1967. An act to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9376. A communication from the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2000 Tariff-Rate Quota Year," received on June 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.